

**TOWN OF GULL LAKE  
BYLAW NO. 8-2012**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF GULL LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
TO REGULATE THE CLEARING OF SIDEWALKS**

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WHEREAS Section 8 of *The Municipalities Act* provides, in part, as follows:

8(1) A municipality has a general power to pass any bylaw for the purpose of the municipality that is considers expedient in relation to the following matters respecting the municipality:

- (b) the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Gull Lake enacts as follows:

**SHORT TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “The Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw”.

**PURPOSE**

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to require an owner or occupant of property in the Town to clear sidewalks of snow and ice or other loose debris, so as to prevent injury or inconvenience to pedestrians.

**DEFINITIONS**

3.
  - a) “Adjoining property” means a parcel of land next to a sidewalk;
  - b) “Town” means the Town of Gull Lake;
  - c) “Council” means the Council of the Town of Gull Lake;
  - d) “Debris” includes glass, loose dirt, mud or organic material likely to interfere with pedestrian traffic;
  - e) “Occupant” means an occupant as defined in *The Municipalities Act*;
  - f) “Owner” means an owner as defined in *The Municipalities Act*;
  - g) “Roadway” means that part of a street adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by vehicles;
  - h) “Sidewalk” means that part of a street adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by the general public for pedestrian traffic;
  - i) “Street” means a street as defined in *The Municipalities Act*.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

4. The owner or occupant of adjoining property shall be responsible for carrying out provisions of this Bylaw.

**DUTY TO CLEAR SIDEWALKS**

5. The owner or occupant of adjoining property, shall clear or remove or cause to cleared or removed all snow or ice or other loose debris from any sidewalk adjoining the property within forty eight (48) hours of the time when the snow, ice or other loose debris was formed or deposited thereon.

IMPROPER CLEANING OR INTERFERENCE WITH PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

6. No person using a power driven device or manual device to clear or remove snow or ice or other loose debris from the sidewalk, shall cause injury to or unduly interfere with any person lawfully using the sidewalk, or cause damage to the sidewalk or curbs.

CLEARING ONTO ROADWAY RESTRICTION

7. An owner or occupants shall make every effort to clear or remove snow or ice or other loose debris from a sidewalk by causing it to be placed upon private property. If this is impractical, the person may place the snow or ice or other loose debris from the sidewalk in the roadway adjacent to the sidewalk but must do so in a manner that does not create a hazard or interfere with the use of the roadway.

ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAW

8. (1) The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to the Town Foreman for the Town of Gull Lake.

(2) The Town Foreman of the Town of Gull Lake is hereby authorized to delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Town of Gull Lake.

TOWN REMEDYING CONTRAVENTION

9. The Town may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw, and in the case of snow or ice, the Town may, pursuant to Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*, complete the work and add to the tax roll of the adjoining property the unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Town for removing the snow and ice.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OFFENCES

10. (1) Every person commits an offence who:

- (a) fails to remove snow, ice or other loose debris from any sidewalk adjoining their property within forty eight (48) hours of the time when the snow or ice or other loose debris was formed or deposited thereon;
- (b) uses a power driven device or manual device to clear or remove snow or ice or other loose debris from the sidewalks and causes injury to or unduly interferes with any person lawfully using sidewalks, or causes damage to the sidewalks or curbs; or
- (c) creates a hazard or interferes with the use of the roadway by removing snow or ice or other loose debris from a sidewalk and placing it other than upon private property or in the roadway adjacent to the sidewalk.

- (2) When a contravention of Subsection (1) occurs, the person responsible for the contravention is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine:

- (a) for a first offence, of \$100;

- (b) for a second offence, of \$200;
  - (c) for a third or subsequent offence, of \$300.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the following procedure shall apply to offences committed under this Section:
- (a) the Town Foreman for the Town of Gull Lake or the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue a notice of bylaw violation to any person committing a first or second offence under Subsection (1). The notice shall require the person to pay to the Town an amount specified in Clause (2)(a) or (b);
  - (b) the fine may be paid:
    - (i) in person during regular office hours, at the Town Office, Gull Lake, Saskatchewan;
    - (ii) by mailed addressed to the Town of Gull Lake, Box 150, Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, S0N 1A0;
  - (c) If payment of the fine as provided in Clause (2)(a) or (b) is made prior to the date when the person contravening the Bylaw is required to appear in court to answer a charge, the person shall not be liable to prosecution of that offence;
  - (d) the amount of the fine under Clause (2)(a) or (b) shall be discounted by the sum of \$25 and \$50 respectively, if paid within 14 calendar days of the date of the notice of violation. The date of payment shall be determined as follows:
    - (i) for payment in person, the date of payment shall be the date payment is received by the Town;
    - (ii) for payment by mail, the date of payment shall be the post marked date on the remittance.

Upon payment, the person contravening the Bylaw shall not be liable to prosecution for that offence.

- (4) The provisions of Subsection (3) shall not apply in the case of a third or subsequent offence.

#### GENERAL PENALTY

11. (1) No person shall:
- (a) obstruct or hinder the Town Foreman or Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or
  - (b) fail to comply with any provisions of this Bylaw.
- (2) Except where a penalty is specified provided for in this bylaw, every person who contravenes any provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction as stated in the “General Penalty” Bylaw.
- (3) In the event of non-payment of a fine imposed pursuant to Clause 2(a), the individual convicted may be imprisoned for a term as stated in the “General Penalty” Bylaw, unless the fine is sooner paid.

COMING INTO FORCE

12. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

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Mayor

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Administrator

Read a third time and adopted  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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